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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER After a rather warm beginning, the week was unseasonably cold, with strong northerly winds on several days. Moderate precipitation, which fell as freezing rain changing to snow, occurred over the eastern third of the state during the weekend, diminishing to light over much of the central portion of the state. There was no precipitation in the west, where the strong winds raised considerable dust.

CROPS Cold weather checked the progress of wheat that had started to "green up". There was a little damage reported from winds last week. Dundy and Hayes counties reported some winter kill due to the continued dry weather. The western half of the state has received very little moisture so far and the surface soil is very dry. Most of the eastern half of the state has sufficient moisture at the present time. Some spring wheat has been sown in northeastern Nebraska.

Some counties are still reporting a high moisture content in corn. Over 7,000 cars of potatoes have been shipped to date. One report indicates that about 2,000 cars of potatoes are still available for shipment. According to the State Employment Service, there are less than half the number of single farm hands and about a third as many married farm hands available as there was a year ago. Cold, stormy weather stopped farm field operations last week. There is a heavy demand for fertilizer.

Egg production so far this year has been only slightly higher than it was a year ago. Average milk production per cow is slightly higher than it was a year ago but there are fewer milk cows on farms.

LIVESTOCK The cold weather of the past week was unfavorable for livestock. The feed supplies are generally plentiful and prices high. Calving season is on in the Sandhills. Western Nebraska needs moisture badly for pasture crops. Low numbers of sheep and abnormally high prices of wool are stimulating interest in farm flocks of sheep. For the country as a whole, the early spring lamb crop is 2% larger than last year and shipment of package bees last year were 5% below shipments of 1949 and 39% below 1948 shipments.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 1951

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .20	Burwell .15	Chadron 0
Lincoln .63	North Platte .02	Imperial 0
Norfolk .48	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff 0
Sioux City .80		Sidney 0

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		MARCH													
		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	57	8	24	5	34	-11	12	4	41	8	29	-2	19	4
	Scottsbluff	60	13	43	22	58	2	31	10	43	15	29	9	29	5
	Sidney	62	12	40	13	59	0	31	10	41	14	25	14	25	4
N-C	Burwell	--	10	32	13	44	1	15	3	27	21	30	7	19	4
	Valentine	56	4	16	9	35	-8	6	-1	29	20	22	-1	15	-1
NE	Norfolk	--	--	20	8	37	0	10	4	28	25	33	9	15	8
	Sioux City	50	3	41	10	39	-2	10	5	30	29	28	19	28	12
Gen.	Grand Island	64	15	40	13	44	2	19	7	26	24	32	10	18	9
E-C	Lincoln	69	23	47	16	43	6	19	9	34	31	34	15	25	14
	Omaha	65	24	44	15	45	5	25	10	33	31	34	24	30	16
SW	North Platte	66	13	33	15	54	3	23	8	30	20	27	10	29	8

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